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Questions **116–121.**

Enquiry into the alleged irregularities in the Madras Medical Council Elections held in 1946.

* 116 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Dr. P. S. Srinivasan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) under which provision in the Madras Medical Registration Act an enquiry was held by the Special Officer, appointed by the Government to enquire into the alleged irregularities in the Madras Medical Council Elections held in October 1946 ; and

(*b*) if so, whether the said Special Officer had the powers of a Court, within the meaning of the Indian Evidence Act?

Memorandum of objections to the Madras Medical Council Elections, 1946.

* 117 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Dr. P. S. Srinivasan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the six defeated candidates in the Madras Medical Council Elections, 1946, who submitted a Memorandum of objections to the members of the Medical Council and also to the Health Minister, were considered to be the petitioners by the Special Officer appointed by the Government to enquire into the alleged irregularities in the Madras Medical Council Elections in 1946, and the seven successful candidates were made respondents by the Special Officer ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the said respondents refused to appear before the Special Officer and demanded from him the authority under which the Special Officer summoned them before him ;

(*c*) if the answer to clause (*b*) is in the affirmative, whether the Special Officer replied to the query made to him by the respondents;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the Special Officer threatened the respondents that, if they failed to appear before him, he would hold the respondents liable for the penalties provided under the law for disobeying the orders of a public servant and whether the Special Officer took any action against the respondents for not appearing before him ; and

(*e*) whether it is a fact that the Special Officer recommended to the Government to take action against one of the respondents, Dr. V. Rama Kamath, the then President of the Madras Medical Council under the provisions of the Indian Penal Code and whether the Government acted as per the recommendations of the Special Officer?